



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Crop Conditions Steady as Temperatures Rise

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 24, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dented	97	94	83	90
Corn Mature	55	45	36	62
Corn Harvested	8	6	2	14
Cotton Setting Bolls	96	92	98	88
Cotton Bolls Opening	9	4	3	15
Peanuts Pegging	97	94	100	91
Soybeans Blooming	89	84	79	91
Soybeans Setting Pods	79	71	59	73
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	11	7	2	8
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	3	13	59	25
Cotton	0	7	37	51	5
Peanuts	0	12	44	36	8
Soybeans	0	7	25	60	8
Livestock	1	8	20	61	10
Pasture & Range	1	17	29	48	5

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	11	10	10
Short	43	42	23
Adequate	44	46	58
Surplus	2	2	9

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	10	9	N/A
Short	42	42	N/A
Adequate	47	48	N/A
Surplus	1	1	N/A

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 24, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.01 inches in Mobile to 1.67 inches in Montgomery. Average mean temperatures ranged from 81.7°F in Muscle Shoals to 84.9°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Very, very dry! We are in need of rain badly. - **Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, Fayette County.**

We are having a few late afternoon thunder showers in areas, but the high temperatures are taking a hit on us daily. - **Carol Gay, FSA CED, Clay & Randolph Counties.**

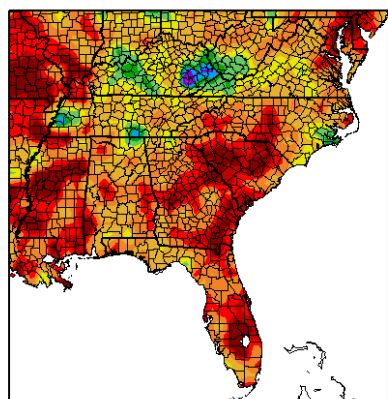
Scattered rain showers over the weekend brought some areas of Elmore and Montgomery counties over an inch of rain. Coosa and Tallapoosa are still considered abnormally dry by the drought monitor. The service center received 1.4 inches of rain for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monroe County continues to have dry weather with a few pop up showers here and there. Crop conditions are good as of this week in spite of the dry weather. Pastures are in poor condition. Producers have reported armyworm damage in some fields which has intensified as a result of the dry conditions. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

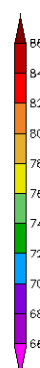
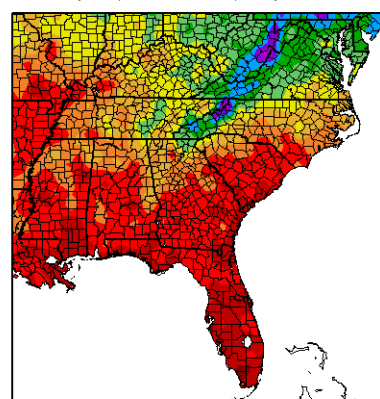
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

Precipitation (in)
8/18/2014 – 8/24/2014



Temperature (F)
8/18/2014 – 8/24/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – August 19, 2014

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8/19/2014	54.84	45.16	4.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	8/12/2014	59.18	40.82	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	5/20/2014	92.99	7.01	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	8/20/2013	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

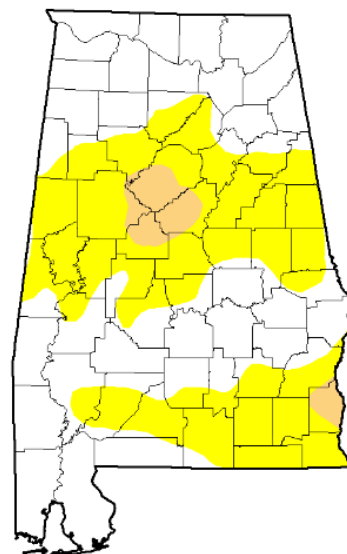
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Intensity:

D0 - Abnormally Dry
D1 - Moderate Drought
D2 - Severe Drought

D3 - Extreme Drought
D4 - Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.



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